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Letter dated 1 April 1991 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Afghanistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit to you a message from His Excellency Mr. Abdul Wakil, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Afghanistan, addressed to you.

I have further the honour to request that the text of the present letter and its annex be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under items 29 and 68 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Mohammad E. ROSHAN-RAWAAN
Chargé d'affaires a.i.

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ANNEX

Letter dated 29 March 1991 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Afghanistan addressed to the Secretary-General

The Pakistani war of aggression against the province of Khost is continuing with the cooperation of extremist opposition groups. In violation of all accepted international norms, the Charter of the United Nations and the Geneva Agreements, Pakistan not only has not put an end to the aggression against Khost, but with impunity and lack of responsibility has intensified its own involvement in the aggression. In addition to cases of Pakistan's direct military involvement in the attack against Khost brought to your attention in my previous letters, Pakistan is now more openly participating in the war.

During the past two days, Pakistani artillery has been continuously firing on Khost city and other parts of the province. Pakistani military transport has been openly bringing armed opposition forces into the province from the territory of Pakistan. Similarly Pakistani military transport has been supplying from Pakistan the opposition forces in Khost with weapons, including heavy weaponry, to be used against the armed forces of the Republic of Afghanistan.

I would like to point out that the situation is becoming more and more intolerable for the Republic of Afghanistan.

The Republic of Afghanistan as a Member of the United Nations has the right enshrined in the Charter to use every measure, possibility and opportunity in its possession to defend its independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity and let there be no doubt that it will. It is our expectation that the situation should not be allowed to deteriorate further to an extent that the prevention of its grave consequences proves impossible.

The Republic of Afghanistan insistently requests you to use all your good offices to put an end to this dangerous aggression before it becomes too late for preventive measures to be effective. Our patience is not due to our weakness. It is, on the contrary, the manifestation of our commitment to the high interest of peace, stability and security in the region. The shameful defeat so far suffered by the aggressor, which is assisted by extremist armed opposition, inflicted on them by the armed forces of the Republic of Afghanistan and the people of Khost, is a clear indication of the power of the Republic of Afghanistan to defend itself.

I would like to request you to inform once again the members of the Security Council of the gravity of the situation. While impatiently waiting for your expeditious efforts, I hope you would inform the Republic of Afghanistan as soon as possible of the outcome of your endeavours to put an end to the Pakistani aggression.